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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. PANMUNJOM MURDERS OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS (SHIP MOVEMENTS, STATEMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND PYONGYANG, ETC.) HAVE RECEIVED FULL COVERAGE IN BOTH ARABIC AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS HERE OVER FOUR-TO-FIVE DAY PERIOD. ARTICLES BASED ON REUTERS AND OTHER WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. WHILE NOTING NORTH KOREAN ACCUSATIONS, THEY HAVE REPORTED EVENTS FACTUALLY AS THEY HAPPENED. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. WE HAVE HAD NO OFFICIAL VIEWS EXPRESSED TO US ON THIS INCIDENT BY UAEG. DISCUSSION WITH MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RE HANDLING OF KOREAN ISSUE AT COLOMBO CONFERENCE (ABU DHABI 2362) OFFERED SUCH OPPORTUNITY BUT IT WAS NOT PICKED UP.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN UAEG'S "NEUTRAL" STANCE ON KOREA LACK OF COMMENT IN EITHER PRESS OR OFFICIALLY TO EMBASSY NOT SURPRISING. MOREOVER, WHILE PRESS PLAY BASICALLY IN OUR FAVOR, IMPACT OF SUCH FAR AWAY EVENTS IS LIMITED AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT RESULT IN CHANGE
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